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SAC, Philadelphia (100-20590)

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DELPHIA AUGENBLICK
SECURITY MATTER - C

Beurlet dated December 5, 1951.

Authority is granted you to initiate an investigation of the captioned individual. Your investigation should be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Section 87-C of the Manual of Instructions insofar as they pertain to investigations of individuals connected with institutions of learning. A review of the Bureau's indices reflects that all information in the Bureau's records concerning the captioned individual was furnished by the Philadelphia Division.

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-20590)

SUBJECT: DELPHIA AUGENBLICK
SECURITY MATTER-C

DATE: 12/5/51

Answered

The subject is presently employed as a teacher by the Philadelphia Board of Public Education at Stohley School, 22nd and Berks Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

Over a period of years, reliable informants reported the subject to be engaged in the following activities at Philadelphia:

In 1944 and 1945 the subject is believed to have been a member of the Communist Political Association and in 1945 to have been membership director of the Special Branch, Professional Section, Communist Political Association, at Philadelphia. During 1944, the subject was enrolled in the Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art, and as of January 1947, the subject's name appeared on a mailing list maintained in Philadelphia by the American Committee for Spanish Freedom.

Both of the aforementioned organizations have been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Bureau authority is requested to conduct an active investigation of Communist Party and Communist Party front activities of the subject. No contacts are contemplated with anyone in the educational system other than established sources.

In the event it becomes necessary to interview persons in the educational system, Bureau authority will be obtained prior to the interview.

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REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA	DATE WHEN MADE 4/22/52	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/5, 11, 18, 23, 24; 3/24/52	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT E. KENT (LHR)
TITLE DELPHIA AUGENBLICK		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: DELPHIA AUGENBLICK, born 5/8/98, currently resides at 2020 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and is employed as a teacher in the Philadelphia Public School System. Confidential informants report subject to have been a member of the City Committee of the CP at Philadelphia in 1943. In 1944 and 1945, subject was reported by an informant to be a member of the Professional Section, CP, and to have been Membership Director of the Special Club of this Section in 1945. Subject was reported on mailing lists of various CP front organizations in 1947, and to have been active in the Progressive Party in 1948. Description set out.

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DETAILS:

At Philadelphia, Pa.

This investigation was predicated upon information received from confidential informants to the effect that the subject was a member of the Communist Party in 1943.

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All informants referred to in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise characterized.

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Background

Birth Data

Records of the Baltimore, Md., Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Records, reflect that Birth Record #A-92086 indicates DELPHIA AUGENBLICK was born May 8, 1898, at 200 South Washington Avenue, Baltimore, Md. The mother was ROSA AUGENBLICK, nee DESSEN, born in Russia, and the father was MAYER AUGENBLICK, who was also born in Russia. The subject was listed as the third child of these parents.

Education

On January 11, 1952, SE PAUL J. HOTTINGER contacted Miss PAULINE SILVERBERG, Secretary, Philadelphia Board of Education. The subject's personnel file reflected the following information:

High School	Nanticoke, Pa., 1914-16
College	Bloomsburg State Normal, 1916-18
Cornell University	Summer of 1920
Temple University	1920-32, part time.
Columbia University	Summer of 1924
University of Pennsylvania	Summer of 1926

Marital Status

T The subject's personnel record reflects her to be single.

Criminal Record

On January 24, 1952, SE JACK V. HENDRICKS advised that the files of the Philadelphia Police Department reflect no arrest record for DELPHIA AUGENBLICK.

Employment

Records at the Philadelphia Board of Education reflect the following employments for the subject, who is a grade-school teacher:

Nanticoke, Pa. - 1919-20
Nichols School, Philadelphia, Pa. - 1920
Hoffman School, Philadelphia, Pa. - 1922
Southwark School, Philadelphia, Pa. - 1925

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McKinley-Hartranft School, Philadelphia, Pa. - 1930
Sabbatical leave - February 1, 1940 to January 31, 1941;
returned to same school.

J. Welsh-Hartranft - February 1, 1946 to September 1, 1946
Stokley School, Philadelphia, Pa. - September 1, 1946
to present.

Sabbatical leave - September 1, 1948 to August 31, 1949.

During the subject's two sabbatical leaves, she journeyed through southwest United States and Mexico studying Art and Ceramics.

Residences

Board of Education records reflect the following residences for the subject in Philadelphia:

108 North Mole Street - 1941
708 South Washington Square - 1945
2020 Walnut Street - 1949

On January 5, 1952, SE JACK V. HENDRICKS advised that Voters Registration Certificate #115785, maintained at City Hall Annex, Philadelphia, reflects that DELPHIA AUGENBLICK formerly resided at 903 Clinton Street, Philadelphia, in 1946.

The current Cross Reference Telephone Directory reflects that DELPHIA AUGENBLICK continues to reside at 2020 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., on March 24, 1952.

Connections with the Communist Party

Membership

On February 12, 1948, Confidential Informant T-1 advised that a person referred to as DELPHIA A. held Key No. 52 in the Special Branch of the CPA, and 1945 Membership Card #87597. The informant advised that the individual referred to above is believed to be identical with the subject.

On February 28, 1945, Confidential Informant T-1 further advised that the name DELPHIA AUGENBLICK and the No. 52 appear on a list which is believed to be the membership list of the Professional Section (Section 8), CPA, at Philadelphia.

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On March 31, 1945, Confidential Informant T-1 advised that the name DELPHIA AUGENBLICK, 708 South Washington Square, with the Key No. 52, appears on a list believed to be a membership list for the Professional Section of the CPA in Philadelphia. The informant stated that this list reflects the above person to hold 1944 Membership Card #78312, and 1945 Membership Card #87597, and to be Membership Director for the Special Club of this Section.

On June 27, 1946, Confidential Informant T-2 advised that the name AUGENBLICK, 708 South Washington Square, appeared on a list believed to be the membership list of one of the Sections within the Professional Section, CPA, at Philadelphia. The informant advised that the above individual, who is believed to be identical with the subject, is listed as Membership Director.

History of Activity

On June 7, 1943, Confidential Informant T-3 advised that one DELPHIA AUGENBLICK, 708 South Washington Square, Philadelphia, Pa., was an appointed delegate to the City Committee of the CP in Philadelphia from Section 8 as of April 1943.

On March 14, 1945, Confidential Informant T-1 stated that DELPHIA AUGENBLICK had advised one EVELYN BEILAN that AUGENBLICK's club had secured six new subs and that the total for her club is now eleven. The informant advised that the subject was believed to be referring to subscriptions to the "Daily Worker."

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist publication.

On July 15, 1948, Confidential Informant T-4 advised that EVELYN BEILAN was Membership Director of one of the sections of the CP, USA, Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware.

On March 18, 1945, Confidential Informant T-5 advised that DELPHIA AUGENBLICK is believed to be Membership Director of a club within the Professional Section of the CPA in Philadelphia.

On April 10, 1945, Confidential Informant T-5 advised that DELPHIA AUGENBLICK is believed to be collecting dues from CP members.

On April 26, 1945, Confidential Informant T-6 advised that DELPHIA AUGENBLICK, 708 South Washington Square, Philadelphia, Pa., made inquiries concerning the dues status of certain individuals for the year 1945 in co-operation with EVELYN BEILAN.

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On September 10, 1945, Confidential Informant T-5 advised that DELPHIA AUGENBLICK was in contact with one EVELYN BEILLAN.

On September 28, 1945, Confidential Informant T-5 advised that EVELYN BEILLAN has reported that DELPHIA AUGENBLICK is going to be dropped because of the way she feels and acts. The informant was unable to determine the organization from which the subject was to be dropped.

Miscellaneous

On April 3, 1943, Confidential Informant T-7 advised that DELPHIA AUGENBLICK, 708 South Washington Square, Philadelphia, Pa., is on the mailing list of the Tom Paine School of Social Science, 810 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Tom Paine School of Social Science is among those organizations cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

On October 9, 1943, Confidential Informant T-8 advised that DELPHIA AUGENBLICK is helping out with some of the work at the Locust Book Shop.

Confidential Informant T-9 has advised that the Locust Book Shop is an outlet for Communist literature in Philadelphia.

On September 7, 1944, Confidential Informant T-10 advised that DELPHIA AUGENBLICK is believed to be on the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art.

On December 4, 1947, Confidential Informant T-11 advised that DELPHIA AUGENBLICK had paid \$5.00 tuition for a course at the Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art during 1944. This informant also advised that DELPHIA AUGENBLICK has contributed money to the Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art.

This organization has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

On June 15, 1945, Confidential Informant T-1 advised that DELPHIA AUGENBLICK has paid for her issues of the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker." The informant advised that this is believed to refer to the first part of 1945.

"The Worker" and the "Daily Worker" are East Coast Communist publications.

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Confidential Informant T-12 advised on January 23, 1947, that the name Miss DELPHIA AUGENBLICK, 903 Clinton Street, appeared on an index card maintained by the American Committee for Spanish Freedom. The informant did not know the purpose of this card.

On February 12, 1947, Confidential Informant T-12 advised that he believed DELPHIA AUGENBLICK had volunteered to help with the work in connection with some function to be held by the American Committee for Spanish Freedom.

This organization has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

On October 30, 1947, Confidential Informant T-13 advised that DELPHIA AUGENBLICK, 903 Clinton Street, Philadelphia, Pa., is on the mailing list of the Philadelphia Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship is among those organizations cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Confidential Informant T-13 advised on November 15, 1947, that Miss DELPHIA AUGENBLICK, 903 Clinton Street, Philadelphia, Pa., is on the mailing list of the American Council for Democratic Greece.

This organization has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

On March 25, 1948, Confidential Informant T-14 advised that DELPHIA AUGENBLICK has completed her petition and that she concentrated her efforts on South Street from 13th to 16th Streets. The informant advised that the subject was referring to Progressive Party Petitions for Wallace.

On June 28, 1948, Confidential Informant T-15 advised that ROBERT KLONSKY, Organizational Secretary, CP, USA, District of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, reported at a Section Organizers Meeting of the CP held during June 1948, that it was the responsibility of the Communist Party to guarantee that every member takes an active part in building the Progressive Party. He indicated that each CP Section would have the responsibility for a particular Section of Philadelphia.

On March 13, 1951, Confidential Informant T-16 advised that DELPHIA AUGENBLICK, as of February 1951, was a member of Local 566 (Teachers' Local), United Public Workers of America.

In 1951, Local 566 had among its officers FRANCIS P. JENNINGS, President, and ESTER SOLER, Legislative Director.

Confidential Informant T-17 advised that FRANCIS JENNINGS attended and spoke at a CP Trade Union Meeting held December 3, 1948, at the Sylvania Hotel in Philadelphia.

Confidential Informant T-18 advised that ESTER SOLER had been among those in attendance at a meeting of the District Committee of the CP, USA, Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, held at Chris J. Perry Elks Hall, Philadelphia, on October 4, 1947. On this occasion, SOLER spoke concerning the duties and responsibilities of the Communist Party in preparation for the 1948 elections.

Description

Name:	DELPHIA AUGENBLICK
Sex:	Female
Race:	White
Born:	5/8/98, Baltimore, Md.
Residence:	2020 Walnut Street, Philadelphia.
Height:	5' 2"
Hair:	Gray
Eyes:	Brown
Occupation:	Teacher
Marital Status:	Single
Father:	MAYER AUGENBLICK
Mother:	ROSA AUGENBLICK
Brother:	MAURICE AUGENBLICK, 5122 Florence Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

LEADS

THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE
AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Will, if so advised by the Bureau, interview the subject concerning CP activities in Philadelphia.

INFORMANTS

<u>Identity</u>	<u>Date of Activity or Description of Info.</u>	<u>Date Rec'd</u>	<u>Agent</u>	<u>Location</u>
T-1 Trash cover on residence of EVELYN BEILAN, 2728 Huntingdon Ave., Phila., through cooperation	List of names believed members of CPA.	2/12/45	SA JOHN B. WHITE	100-29199-1A-6
" "	List of names believed members of Professional Section, CPA.	2/28/45	SA JOHN B. WHITE	100-29199-1A-7
" "	Letter from subject to EVELYN BEILAN.	3/14/45	SA JOHN B. WHITE	100-29199-1A-8
" "	List of names believed members of Professional Section, CPA.	3/31/45	SA JOHN B. WHITE	100-29199-1A-9
" "	List of names indicated paid for DW and W.	6/15/45	SA PATRICK M. RICE	100-29199-1A-12

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Trash cover on residence of SIDNEY FOX, 2220 Pine St., Phila., through cooperation of [redacted]

List of names believed members of Professional Section CPA.

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SA JOHN W. DOOLEY. 100-29789-1A-16

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[redacted]	March 1945	3/18/45
	April 1945	4/10/45
	September 1945	9/10/45
	September 1945	9/28/45

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Trash cover on residence of MADELINE BLITZSTEIN, 322 South 16th St., Phila., Pa., through [redacted]

Handwritten note from subject.

4/26/45

SA JOHN B. WHITE. 100-17385-1A-11

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Copy of mailing list. 4/3/43

SA FRANCIS E. 65-1078-136
WHITE.

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<u>Identity</u>	<u>Date of Activity or Description of Info.</u>	<u>Date Rec'd</u>	<u>Agent</u>	<u>Location</u>
T-8 [redacted]	October 1943	10/9/43		
T-9 [redacted]	Locust Book Shop pamphlet reflecting literature available at store.	5/8/46	SA JOSEPH M. ADAMS	100-37-238
T-10 [redacted]	1944	9/7/44		
T-11 [redacted]	Receipt books of Phila School of Social Science and Arts.	12/4/47	SA JOHN A. HEBENSTREIT; SE EDWARD CRAIG	65-1078-1F-56-2 65-1078-1B-5-6
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T-12 Trash cover on offices of American Committee for Spanish Freedom, Rm.409, Crozier Bldg.. through [redacted]	Index cards	1/23/47	SA JOHN W. DOOLEY	Not retained.
	List of names	2/18/47	SA WILLIAM B. WELTE	Not retained.
T-13 [redacted]	Copy of names and addresses.	10/30/47	SAs FRED C. BIRKBY, BERNARD J. CONNELL; SE MARTIN E. COX, RAYMOND J. BOTT.	100-5473-433
	Copy of list of names and addresses.	11/15/47	SA ROBERT E. MASTERS; SE ALBERT COOPER.	100-29224-252 P. 10

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T-14 [redacted]	1948	3/25/48		
T-15 [redacted]	June 1948	6/28/48		
T-16 [redacted]	Copy of member- ship list, Local 566.	3/13/51	SA PHILIP T. KING; SA THERON D. RUSHING.	100-31576- 300 P. 5
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T-17 [redacted]	December 1948	12/3/48		
T-18 [redacted]	October 1947	10/4/47		

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Philadelphia, dated 12/28/51.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-385977)
FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-20590)
SUBJECT: DELPHIA AUGENBLICK-
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: 4/22/52

Rerep of SA ROBERT E. KENT, dated 4/22/52, at Philadelphia, five copies of which are forwarded as enclosures to this letter.

Bureau authority is requested to interview the subject. The following information is set out in accordance with Section 87 C of the Manual of Instructions:

DELPHIA AUGENBLICK, white race, teacher, Stokley School, 32nd and Berks Streets, Philadelphia; residence, 2020 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.; marital status, single.

The subject was first reported by confidential informants of the Philadelphia Office to be a member of the CP in 1943, when she was a delegate to the City Committee of the Communist Party in Philadelphia. In 1944 and 1945, the subject was reported to be a member of the Professional Section, CPA, at Philadelphia, and in 1945 was reported to be Membership Director of a club in the Professional Section. In September 1945, a discussion was reported which indicated the subject may have been dropped from the CPA at that time. Since 1945, no information has been reported to the Philadelphia Office to indicate membership in the Communist Party on the part of the subject. AUGENBLICK has been reported to be on the mailing lists of various front organizations in 1947, and in 1948 she was active in behalf of the Progressive Party. No information regarding further activity on the part of the subject has been received since 1948.

MAURICE L. AUGENBLICK (Bufile 100-378525), a brother of the subject, was reported to be a member of the CPA in Philadelphia in 1944. On 3/17/52, MAURICE AUGENBLICK was interviewed by Agents of the Philadelphia Office, at which time he denied membership in the CPA. No evidence has been developed by the Philadelphia Office to indicate that MAURICE AUGENBLICK has been a member of the Communist Party since 1945.

Inasmuch as no activity on the part of the subject in the Communist Party has been reported since 1945, Bureau permission is requested to interview her. It is believed that in the event the subject proves cooperative, she can furnish information regarding past Communist Party activity among teachers and professional people in Philadelphia. Consideration will be given to her possible development as a security informant.

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DELPHIA AUGENBLICK
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet April 22, 1952, and report of Special Agent Robert E. Kent dated April 22, 1952, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Authority is granted you to interview captioned individual in accordance with instructions contained in No Number SAC Letter dated June 11, 1951.

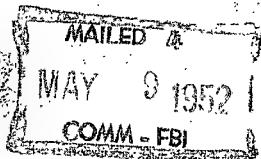
In connection with the above interview you should be guided by the observations set forth in SAC Letter No. 24 dated March 4, 1952.

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Subject's name is not included in the Security Index. Referenced letter and report, which are attached, contain a resume of subject's Communist activities.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-385977)

DATE: 4/30/52

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-20590)

SUBJECT: DELPHIA AUGENBLICK
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re report of SA ROBERT E. KENT dated 4/22/52 at Philadelphia.

Bureau authority is requested to interview the subject. The following information is set out in accordance with Section 87C of the Manual of Instructions:

DELPHIA AUGENBLICK, white race, teacher, Stokley School, 32nd and Berks Streets, Philadelphia, resides at 2020 Walnut Street, marital status single.

The subject was first reported by confidential informants of the Philadelphia Office to be a member of the Communist Party in 1943 when she was a delegate to the City Committee of the Communist Party in Philadelphia. In 1944 and 1945 the subject was reported to be a member of the Professional Section of the CPA at Philadelphia, and in 1945 was reported to be Membership Director of a club within the Professional Section. In September 1945, a discussion was reported that indicated the subject may have been dropped from the CPA at that time. Since 1945, no information has been received by the Philadelphia Office to indicate membership in the Communist Party on the part of the subject. AUGENBLICK has been reported to be on the mailing list of various front organizations in 1947, and in 1948 she was active on behalf of the Progressive Party. No information regarding front activities on the part of the subject has been received since 1948.

MAURICE L. AUGENBLICK, Bufile 100-378525, a brother of the subject, was reported to be a member of the CPA at Philadelphia in 1944. On 3/17/52, MAURICE AUGENBLICK was interviewed by agents of the Philadelphia Office, at which time he denied membership in the CPA. No information has been developed by the Philadelphia Office that MAURICE AUGENBLICK has been a member of the Communist Party since 1945.

Inasmuch as no activity on the part of the subject in the Communist Party has been reported since 1945, Bureau permission is requested to interview her. It is believed that in event the subject proves cooperative, she can furnish information regarding past Communist Party activities among teachers and professional people in Philadelphia. Consideration will be given to her possible development as a security informant.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-385977)

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-20590)

SUBJECT: DELPHIA AUGENBLICK
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: 6/26/52

Rebulet dated 5/8/52.

In accordance with instructions in referenced letter, DELPHIA AUGENBLICK was interviewed on 6/19/52 at her residence, 2020 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., by agents of the Philadelphia Office. The responsibility of the FBI in the Internal Security field was explained to the subject and her cooperation solicited.

AUGENBLICK met the agents in a friendly manner; however, in regard to any knowledge on her part of Communist Party members or activities, she stated, "I have nothing to say." The interview was then terminated and no further contacts with the subject are contemplated.

AUGENBLICK is not currently a Security Index subject and no recommendation is being made at this time, in view of the lack of Communist Party activity on the part of the subject since 1945.

Inasmuch as the subject is employed as a teacher by the Philadelphia Board of Education, a separate letter is being prepared requesting Bureau authority to disseminate information regarding her to the Governor of Pennsylvania and the Police Commissioner of Philadelphia.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-93875)

DATE: 7/2/52

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (80-247)

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Pursuant to provisions of the SAC letters No. 19, dated 2/17/51, No. 33, dated 4/10/51, and No. 51, dated 5/29/51, Bureau authorization is requested to furnish information concerning DELPHIA AUGENBLICK to the Honorable JOHN S. FINE, Governor of Pennsylvania, and to THOMAS J. GIBBONS, Commissioner, Philadelphia Police Department.

It is contemplated to disseminate the information contained herewith to Governor FINE, with whom this office has experienced friendly relations, and to Commissioner GIBBONS, who has recently been appointed to office. Commissioner GIBBONS enjoys an excellent reputation and his disgression and reliability have been established.

In event Bureau authority is granted, the following information will be disseminated:

DELPHIA AUGENBLICK resides at 2020 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and is employed as a grade school teacher by the Philadelphia Board of Education at Stokley School, 32nd and Berks Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

In April 1943 DELPHIA AUGENBLICK was an appointed delegate to the City Committee of the CP in Philadelphia from Section 8.

In October 1943 DELPHIA AUGENBLICK helped with work at the Locust Book Shop, which was the principal disseminating agency for Communist literature in the Philadelphia area.

In 1944 DELPHIA AUGENBLICK was reported to be on the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art, and to have contributed money and attended courses at this school.

In 1944 and 1945 the subject was a member of the CPA of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, holding 1944 membership card No. 78312, and 1945

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membership book No. 87597. She was reported to be Membership Director of one of the groups of the Professional Section of the CPA during 1945.

In 1943 AUGENBLICK's name was reported to appear on a mailing list of the Tom Paine School of Social Science. In 1947 her name was reported to appear on mailing lists of the Philadelphia Council of American Soviet Friendship and the American Council for a Democratic Greece. Also in 1947 AUGENBLICK was reported to be helping with some work in connection with a function held by the American Committee for Spanish Freedom.

The CP, USA, the CPA, the Philadelphia School of Social Science, and Art, the Tom Paine School of Social Science, the National Council of American Soviet Friendship, the American Council for a Democratic Greece, and the American Committee for Spanish Freedom have all been cited by the Attorney General of the United States as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The above information concerning the association of DELPHIA AUGENBLICK with the aforementioned organizations was furnished by Confidential Sources of known reliability.

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DELPHIA AUGENBLICK
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Reurlets June 26, 1952, and July 2, 1952.

In relet of June 26, 1952, you advised that when interviewed the subject was friendly but refused to discuss anything regarding Communist Party activities. You stated that subject's name was not being recommended for inclusion in the Security Index in view of the lack of Communist Party activity on her part since 1945.

In most cases it is not desired that under this program we volunteer information to local authorities concerning individuals whose names are not included in the Security Index. In this case, since you have not developed information reflecting that the subject is potentially dangerous to the internal security of the country, it is not felt that we have any responsibility to advise local authorities concerning her past activities.

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TITLE DELPHIA AUGENBLICK		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that subject was a member of the "In Town" Club of the Professional Section, Communist Party, Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, during period 1940-1944. Confidential Informant T-2 advised that invitation to Civil Rights Congress event was sent to subject in May, 1953. Subject interviewed 6/19/52, and stated she had nothing to say to agents.

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REQ.
DATE FORM 2-16-54
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DETAILS:

All informants used in this report are of known reliability.

Communist Party Membership

DELPHIA AUGENBLICK was a member of the "In Town" Club of the Professional Section, Communist Party, Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, during the period 1940 to 1944.

(T-1, November 12, 1953)

Civil Rights Congress

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the United States Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

In May, 1953, an invitation to a "Freedom Festival," which was to have been held on June 14, 1953, under the auspices of the Civil Rights Congress, was sent to the subject. The informant was unable to state whether the subject attended this event.

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(T-2, May 23, 1953)

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Interview Of Subject

The subject was interviewed on June 19, 1952, at her residence, 2020 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., by SAs ROBERT E. KENT and HILLARD D. THORPE. The subject said that she had nothing to say to the interviewing agents.

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Instant report contains all unreported information regarding the subject contained in Philadelphia files.

EARL FUOSS, Committee Investigator, House Committee on Un-American Activities, advised on February 4, 1954, that the subject is one of the individuals under subpoena to appear before the House Committee on Un-American Activities at Washington, D. C., on February 16, 17, 1954.

Informants

Identity Of Source	Date Of Activity And/Or Description Of Information	Date Received	Agent To Whom Furnished	File Number Where Located
T-1 [redacted]	Communist Party Membership 1940-1944	11/12/53	SA WALTER J. SHERIDAN (oral)	100-20590-41
T-2 [redacted]	Invitation to Civil Rights Congress event May, 1953	5/23/53	Photographed by SA HARRY C. EELK	100-31535-1-B-73

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REFERENCES: Report of SA ROBERT E. KENT dated 4/22/52, at Philadelphia. Philadelphia Air-Tel to Director dated 2/4/54, captioned House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Bessie Augenblick

Nine to ~~Testify~~ Today In Probe of Teachers For Red Leanings

By the Associated Press

Nine witnesses were summoned today as the House Un-American Activities Committee continued a quest for evidence of Communist leanings among Philadelphia school teachers.

Robert L. Kunzig, committee counsel, named two of the nine as Bessie Stensky and Adeline Mahaney in connection with the examination of nine teacher-witnesses yesterday.

28 Teachers Quizzed.

The hearing yesterday, coupled with several sessions in Philadelphia last November, brought to 28 the number of teachers who have been quizzed about possible Red associations.

Of this number one, Dr. Wilbur Lee Mahaney, testified to participation in Communist activities in the past decade.

Dr. Mahaney, a 51-year-old teacher of American history at West Philadelphia High School, told the committee yesterday he joined the Communist Party in its aims were not too different from the Roosevelt administration.

He quit in 1948, he went on, because "the political climate had changed" and his personal interests ran in a different direction.

Dr. Mahaney refused, however, to name for the committee any fellow Reds. "It's a matter of deep-seated conscience," he said, adding he was well aware he stood in jeopardy of being cited for contempt of Congress. He said that made no difference to him.

"In following my conscience I don't intend to show any disrespect to this committee or any other branch of government," he said. "Without fear or hope of favor I will have to trust myself to the conscience of my fellow Americans."



WITNESS IN SCHOOLS PROBE—Mrs. Delphia Augenblick, Philadelphia school teacher, talks with her attorney, David Berger, after taking the witness stand before the House Un-American Activities Committee yesterday. She refused to testify as to whether or not she has been a member of the Communist Party.

—AP Photo.

Cite Fifth Amendment.

Dr. Mahaney's fellow witnesses during the day all cited the Fifth and other amendments to the Constitution to support their refusals to discuss possible Communist connections.

Most of them testified, however, they were not members of the Communist Party on the days on which they executed loyalty oaths required of Pennsylvania teachers in 1952.

Some declined to say whether they were Communist Party members on the day before they took the oath. One refused to say if he was a Communist Party member only a few hours before his oath was executed.

None would say, in reply to questions, if they served their Red connections for the oath-taking. Most of them relied on the Fifth Amendment's guarantee against self-incriminating testimony.

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TITLE O DELPHIA AUGENBLICK		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

On 2/16/54, in testimony before an open hearing of the HCUA, held in Washington, D.C., the subject refused to answer any questions which referred to her as a member of the CP or regarding her activities in the CP, invoking the Fifth Amendment of the U. S. Constitution.

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DETAILS:

Residence

An informant of known reliability advised on August 19, 1954, that the subject resides at 1919 Spruce Street, Philadelphia.

(T-1, 8/19/54)

Employment

In the February 20, 1954 Final Edition of "The Philadelphia Inquirer" a Philadelphia daily newspaper, on page one, column four, appeared an article

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captioned "Five Teachers Suspended for Balking Probers." The article contained information that the subject, a first grade teacher at the Stokley School, 32nd and Berks Streets, Philadelphia, who refused to answer questions concerning alleged Communist affiliations before a House Committee on Un-American Activities, was suspended from employment by the Philadelphia School Board on February 19, 1954, by Dr. LOUIS P. HOYER, Superintendent of Schools, Philadelphia, Pa.

Testimony Before HCUA

DELPHIA AUGENBLICK appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in an open hearing on February 16, 1954, in Washington, D.C.

She refused to answer all questions asked her concerning whether she was or ever had been a member of the Communist Party, and/or her activities in the Communist Party, on the grounds of the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

The above testimony appears on pages 3901 to 3904 of the report of the "Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Eighty-Third Congress, Second Session, on February 16, 1954."

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Will determine present employment of the subject.

Reference

Report of SA WALTER J. SHERIDAN at Philadelphia dated February 12, 1954.

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TITLE DELPHIA AUGENBLICK		CHARACTER OF CASE 1ND SECURITY MATTER - C	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Confidential informants advised that the subject resides at 3425 Powelton Avenue, Philadelphia, and is presently employed at "The Casual Shop," 118 South 20th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.; between 1940 and 1944 meetings of the "In Town" Branch of the Professional Section, CP, EPD, were sometimes held at the subject's residence.

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DETAILS:

Employment

A confidential informant, who is believed to be reliable, advised that the subject is employed at "The Casual Shop," 118 South 20th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. The informant advised that the subject also receives \$187.00 per month retirement pay as a retired school teacher.

(T-1, 11/2/54)

Residence

Informant advised that AUGENBLICK presently resides at 1919 Spruce Street, Philadelphia; however, is planning to move during the week of

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November 1, 1954, to another residence. The informant was not aware of the location of the residence to which the subject is moving.

(T-1, 11/2/54)

On November 8, 1954, informant stated that on November 5, 1954, the subject moved to 3425 Powelton Avenue, Philadelphia.

(T-2, 11/8/54)

CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

Activities

A reliable confidential informant advised that between 1940 and 1944 meetings of the "In Town" Branch of the Professional Section of the Communist Party, Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, were sometimes held at the subject's residence.

(T-3, 8/14/54)

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As previously set out in report form, the subject was interviewed by Bureau Agents on 6/19/54, at which time she furnished no information concerning the CP or her affiliations with same. No information has been developed indicating CP activity on the part of the subject since 1945.

In view of the above, authority is not being requested to reinterview the subject, and no recommendation is being made to place her name on the Security Index.

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T-1 [Redacted]	Residence and employment	11/2/54	HAROLD K. PARSON	Instant report
T-2 [Redacted]	Residence	11/8/54	"	"
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T-3 [Redacted]	GP meetings at subject's residence	8/14/54	WALTER J. SHERIDAN (oral)	100-20590-53

REFERENCE: Report of SA HAROLD K. PARSON dated 8/30/54 at Philadelphia.